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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for changing the image size of video images, decimation of video image signals (~~V~~) being carried out by an integral decimation factor (~~MHD, MVD~~), and a fine decimation of the video image signals (~~V~~) additionally being carried out by a fine decimation factor (~~SHS, SVS~~) which can be adjusted to non-integral values, and a total decimation factor (~~MH, MV~~) relevant to the decimation of the video signals (~~V~~) being formed from the integral decimation factor (~~MHD, MVD~~) and the fine decimation factor (~~SHS, SVS~~), characterized in that firstly the fine decimation of the video image signals (~~V~~) by the non-integral fine decimation factor (~~SHS, SVS~~), and subsequently the decimation by the integral decimation factor (~~MHD, MVD~~) are carried out.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of claim 15 wherein an integral decimation factor (~~MHD, MVD~~) and a fine decimation factor (~~SHS, SVS~~) whose product yields the total decimation factor are determined for a prescribed total decimation factor (~~MH, MV~~).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~17~~ 16 wherein the integral decimation factor (~~MHD, MVD~~) and the fine decimation factor (~~SHS, SVS~~) can be adjusted in such a way that a range of total decimation factors (~~MH, MV~~) comprising several integral values can be set.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method of claim 17 wherein the values 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 can be adjusted for the integral decimation factor (~~MHD, MVD~~).

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Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of claim 17 wherein values in a range of 1 to 1.5 or 1 to 2 can be adjusted for the fine decimation factor (~~SVS, SHS~~).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein low-pass filtering is undertaken during the integral decimation.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~15~~ 20 wherein additional low-pass filtering is undertaken before the integral decimation.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein low-pass filtering is undertaken before the integral decimation.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein the fine decimation comprises a linear interpolation of video image signals.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method of claim 15 wherein low-pass filtering (~~TP1~~) is carried out before the fine decimation.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The method of claim 15 wherein frequency response crispness (~~P~~) is carried out after the integral decimation.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein horizontal decimation of the video image signals is carried out.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein vertical decimation of the video image signals is carried out.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 26 wherein firstly horizontal, and subsequently vertical decimation are carried out.

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Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein firstly horizontal, and subsequently vertical decimation are carried out.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A device for changing the image size of video images, having a decimation filter (2; 4) for carrying out decimation of video image signals (V) by an integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD), and having a scaler for additionally carrying out fine decimation of the video image signals (V) by a fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS) which can be adjusted to non-integral values, such that a total decimation factor (MH, MV) relevant to the decimation of the video image signals (V) is formed from the integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD) and the fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS), characterized in that the decimation filter for decimation by the integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD) is connected downstream of the scaler for fine decimation by the non-integral fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS).

Claim 31 (currently amended): The device of claim 30 ~~wherein~~ further including a control device for outputting the integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD) and the non-integral fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS).

Claim 32 (new): A method for changing the image size of video images, decimation of video image signals being carried out by an integral decimation factor, and a fine decimation of the video image signals additionally being carried out by a fine decimation factor which can be adjusted to non-integral values, and a total decimation factor relevant to the decimation of the video signals being formed from the integral decimation factor and the fine decimation factor, characterized in that firstly the fine decimation of the video image signals by the non-integral fine decimation factor, and subsequently the decimation by the integral decimation factor are carried out,

wherein an integral decimation factor and a fine decimation factor whose product yields the total decimation factor are determined for a prescribed total decimation factor.